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Laying of new pipe lines from Red Hills to Avadi in connection with the Avadi Congress Session

* 281 Q.—SRI V. GURUNANDAN ROW : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have given any special grant to the Corporation or any other Local Authority or Municipality for laying any new pipe lines from Red Hills to Avadi for the supply of water in connection with the Avadi Session of the Indian National Congress;

(b) the amount, if any, spent by the Government in this connection;

(c) whether the Indian National Congress paid any amount towards the cost of laying and maintaining such pipe lines incurred by the Government or the Local Authority; and

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the agreement, if any, entered into between the Local Authority or Government and the Indian National Congress for the supply of water in connection with the Congress Session at Avadi?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) No, Sir.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) The Congress authorities made their own arrangements for supply of water to Avadi. The Government loaned pipes and pump sets to the Congress on hire at the prescribed rates.

" (d) A copy[a] of the Government Order issued regarding the supply of water is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR :—" Will the Government issue a general statement that they had done nothing to promote the Indian National Congress Session held at Avadi? "

SRI V. CHAKKARAI CHETTY :—" Would it be advisible for the Government to do it now . . ." (Interruption.) Because people will ask why Government should come forward and make a declaration like that just at this time. They ought to have done it at the very beginning."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Is there no reply to the question? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member has answered the question himself."

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SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN :—" Why should the Madras Government be denied the name that they have directly or indirectly helped the Congress and that was why it was such a grand success? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The success of the Avadi Session of the Congress was a great compliment to the Tamil Nadu Congress Committee."

Extraction of bauxite in Salem district

* 282 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether bauxite is available in Salem district and if so, where;

(*b*) whether any company or individual is at present removing bauxite from the above areas;

(*c*) if so, how much bauxite is being removed; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to undertake the extraction of bauxite themselves?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir; in the Shevaroy Hills, Yercaud.

" (*b*) Yes, Sir, the Shevaroy Bauxite Products Company, Limited, who hold a mining lease.

" (*c*) On an average, a quantity of about 1,100 tons of bauxite is being extracted annually.

" (*d*) No, Sir."

Cultivation under food crops and under commercial crops in the State

* 283 *Q.*—SRI V. V. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total acreage of cultivation in the State under food crops and under commercial crops;

(*b*) the total quantity of manure, chemical and green at present in demand for agricultural purposes in the State;

(*c*) whether there has been any deficit in the supply of manure and, if so, how it is proposed to make up such deficit; and

(*d*) whether there is any scheme to make the State self-sufficient in food and in supply of cotton?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" A statement [a] is placed on the table."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 894–895 infra.